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For: PERITONEAL DIALYSIS APPARATUS	)	
AND CONTROL METHOD THEREOF	)	

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

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**PERITONEAL DIALYSIS APPARATUS AND CONTROL METHOD THEREOF**

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